

REFUGEES CROWD FRENCH CAPITAL

Belgian Women, Huddled Like Sheep, Tell Stories of Atrocities.

MOTHER DRIVEN INSANE

Famous Cirque de Paris, Where 2,000 of These Unfortunates Are Housed, Presents Pitiable Scenes.

Paris, Sept. 12.—Personal accounts of the war are being brought daily to Paris by refugees and wounded soldiers.

Perhaps the largest of the refugee encampments in Paris is a big circus building, situated between the Invalides and the Eiffel Tower.

When the inundation from the northern frontier began yesterday, and the impossibility of leaving such an emergency to be dealt with by private societies became evident, the prefect of police intervened, and more than 2,000 of the unfortunates were gathered together and conveyed to the Cirque de Paris.

Instead of children's happy laughter over clownish jokes, the great rotunda is filled today with a low, ground swell of lamentation, broken here and there by the sharp cries of babes.

Full of human jetam.

The stalls and boxes, galleries and corridors, are full of the human jetam from the tempest that has destroyed Southern Belgium during the last week.

Most of them do not own a penny. Their eyes are red with weeping, their faces drawn with fatigue. It is impossible to speak too highly of the kindness with which they are being fed and cared for.

"My husband is with the Belgian army," said a woman from Frimery, near Mons. "And I was left with my three babies in our cottage."

"All was quite until Monday, when the Germans came. They sacked and destroyed every house, and there remains nothing of our poor village but ruins."

"I saw one of these bandits strike one of my neighbors in the breast with his sword, and then flourish the bloody blade as though proud with a low, ground swell of lamentation, broken here and there by the sharp cries of babes."

A woman from Peronne-le-Blincher, started out with one of her neighbors who carried a young babe at her breast. Suddenly the mother perceived that the little one was dead.

She could not bear this new shock, and became mad. When she was helped out of the train on reaching Paris she still held and was cooing over the body of her child.

Smaller bodies of refugees have been temporarily lodged in police stations and some of the lesser houses of Montmartre.

They are mostly women whose husbands are with the Antwerp garrison or are otherwise in the front lines.

Of the great plain of Flanders, the stupor in which many of the refugees sit is a merciful thing, for none could dare to wish they were alive.

A young volunteer of the Dragoons, hungry and desolate years that are to come.

And let us not forget the German mother and her children. One of the Red Cross said one woman, "and in the streets the corpses of the Germans have been piled up to a height of five yards. That is what they have done."

The message have been cut out by the censor.

Each is at once overcome by cool-headed and others, of the Red Cross.

Many of the wounded are not gravely injured, though effectively hors de combat. One shows a left hand mutilated by a sword stroke, another has a ball in his thigh. A young volunteer of the Dragoons tells proudly how a patrol of eight men, of whom he was one, put to flight last Friday two squads of Uhlans, making their lieutenant a prisoner.

WOMAN USES SHOTGUN;
FOUND DEAD ON FLOOR

Son Discovers Body at Home and
Tells Note Leaving Money
to Children.

Suffering from a nervous breakdown, Mrs. Dorcas Amateis, forty-five years old, rooming at 421 Sixth street northwest, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting herself in the side. A shotgun was found beside her body.

Edmond Amateis, a son, came to visit his mother and found her dead on the floor. A note pinned to the side of the bed told the story. She wrote that she had inherited \$100 with William Ellison, in the Stewart Building. This was in the form of a check payable to some property, Mr. Ellison being her agent. It also stated she had inherited \$500 for the benefit of her youngest son, Harold, six years old, who is at the University of Maryland.

Mrs. Amateis' husband died a year ago. For years he was professor of fine arts and applied architecture at George Washington University.

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BELGIAN COMMISSION COMES TO GIVE PRESIDENT REPORT OF OUTRAGES



Left to right—Count de Liebert, Paul Hymans, Carton de Wiart, Louis de Sadeleer, and Mr. Van de Velde.

REALTY TRADING HOLDS ITS OWN

Brokers Record 118 Deals,
Involving a Total of
\$90,450.

MANY NEW RESIDENCES
Middaugh & Shannon Report Largest
Operation, Seven Two-story
Houses, at \$27,000.

Although the volume of realty trading was kept down last week because of the holiday on Monday, the encouraging average established early this month was maintained during the following five days.

Brokers recorded 118 transactions, which involved 148 lots and parcels of real estate.

Building permits were issued for a total of \$90,450. They comprise a three-story apartment house and eighteen new residences.

Harry Wardman is building a three-story brick apartment house, to accommodate six families, at 302 Fifteenth street northwest, F. W. White & Co. were designers. The building is to cost \$25,000.

Middaugh and Shannon announced the largest operation. That is the erection of seven two-story brick houses at 234-236 Taylor street northwest. The houses will cost \$27,000. They are to have mansard roofs and hot-water heat.

A Row of Houses.

Simon Oppenheim is erecting a row of houses at 46-48 Irving street. They will be of brick, two stories high, and are to cost \$17,000.

George W. Barkman is having built a two-story frame house, at 1212 Dogwood street, to cost \$5,000. Abram Huff is building a frame house at Fifty-Seventh and Blair streets northeast, and W. N. Doyener is erecting a frame dwelling in Conduit road near Weaver street.

Edgar T. Wherry is building a hollow-tile home at 3231 Stephenson street, C. West is the designer. The home will cost \$4,800.

Fulton R. Gordon is building a two-story residence of hollow tile at 3214 Leinster street.

Chief Justice J. Harry Covington, of the District Supreme Court, leased the three-story residence at 1802 Baltimore street, which had just been purchased by L. B. Audiger, Story & Cobb negotiated both the sale and the lease. The price paid for the residence by Mr. Audiger was \$25,000. The home is of brick, with green stucco front and two porches. There are fourteen rooms and three baths. The property is one of the handsomest in Belmont street.

Phillips & Sagers have commenced the erection of a row of ten houses in Park drive, facing Soldiers' Home Park. A number of six-room houses have been finished recently in Columbia road near Park drive by the same firm.

Include Sleeping Porches.

J. A. Connor & Co. have just completed several homes at Columbia and Ontario roads. The houses have screened sleeping and breakfast porches, cold storage rooms and fireproof garages.

H. R. Hownstein & Co. have built a row of houses at Seventeenth and New-ton streets northwest.

Harry Wardman has reported trading to be brisk. This firm has sold more than sixty houses during the last three months. It was reported. The following recent sales have been made by them:

To Albert Sommer, the residence at 3721 Jenifer street, Chevy Chase, D. C., for \$5,000; to James Hobbs, 2719 Jenifer street, Chevy Chase, D. C., for \$5,500; to Jacob Lieber, 2317 Chester street, Chevy Chase, D. C., for \$5,500; and 3721 Jocelyn street, Chevy Chase, D. C., to William T. Carpenter, at \$5,500.

The firm also reported the sale of the following houses at \$4,500: 2425 Ontario road, to John Lockyer; 2431 Ontario road, to N. H. Holderman; 2433 Ontario road, to Paul Draper; 3425 Ontario road, to Albert Sykes; and 2437 Ontario road, to Mrs. Laura Talbot.

W. B. MATTHEWS VICTIM
OF ACUTE INDIGESTION

Prominent Attorney, Stricken at His
Home Early in the Morning, Dies
Shortly After Noon.

BURIAL TUESDAY IN RICHMOND

W. B. Matthews, sixty-four years old, a prominent attorney of Washington, died at his home, 1423 Irving street northwest, yesterday afternoon at about 1:30 o'clock of acute indigestion. Mr. Matthews arose about 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning and was seized with a violent attack of indigestion.

Mr. Matthews was a native of Virginia and was one of the best known lawyers of this city. He was educated at the University of Virginia, and at the old Columbian University here. He practiced for several years at Richmond, but came up his practice there to come to Washington about thirty-five years ago.

Me was a third-second degree Mason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternities. He leaves a widow and two children—W. B. Matthews, Jr., and Mrs. Sue M. Graves, both of Washington.

Funeral services will be held at the residence Tuesday morning. Burial will be in Hollywood Cemetery, at Richmond, the same day.

CUT COST OF LIVING BY EATING CHEESE, URGE AGRICULTURISTS

American-made Kind as Good as Imported, Says Department, and Is
Nutritious as Well as Cheap.

American-made cheese is as good as any imported from European countries, it was declared at the Department of Agriculture yesterday.

The department advocates the extensive use of American cheese as a means of lowering the cost of living, declaring that cheese is rich in food value and relatively low in cost.

hidden in a hollow section. The charged the guns and were met by a hail of bullets from the surrounding woods. In a few minutes trees in front of us were stripped of their leaves; but we captured the guns.

A private of the army service corps riding a motorcycle was overtaken by Uhlans, who thrust their lances through his neck, his hands, his back, and his feet, as though he had been crucified. Then they threw his body on a hayrick and set fire to the hay. Some of our cavalry came suddenly on the scene and took swift vengeance on the savages who sought shelter of the village when we fell upon them. We got them all."

Cavalry Charge Declined.

I met a noncommissioned officer who had watched from an eminence, the critical phase of the battle resulting in the rout of the German center. This is the substance of his story, which has since been corroborated by several officers of my acquaintance.

"The enemy had been driven back, fighting through three days until they were defeated. They made a most desperate stand. Dark masses of their troops appeared on the flat ground near the river.

"They came on in dense masses and kept up a terrible fire from rifles and machine guns, but our infantry was not to be denied. They advanced in open order by short rushes while shells rained down on the enemy and the rifle fire opened great gaps in their ranks."

"I began to count the dead," continued the sergeant, "and soon found this impossible. Suddenly I heard a great shout and turning to my left saw a sight which made my heart stand still."

"Our cavalry was charging down on the enemy's cavalry in the bright sunshine. There was an avalanche of men and horses and cold steel. Huge gaps were made in the enemy's ranks. The whole thing was over in a few minutes. There can, I believe, be no doubt that the tide then turned in our favor."

"The center of the enemy has been broken in one day. They retreated forty kilometers."

STAY ALOFT 20 MINUTES
IN STORM OF BULLETS

Russian Aviators Calmly Make Observations While Rifle Balls
Pierce Plane.

CZAR'S SISTER A WAR NURSE

Petrograd, Sept. 12.—Under fire for twenty minutes, nearly two feet above the German lines while bullets rained around him, one passing through his foot, was the thrilling experience of Capt. Valikoff, of the Russian general staff, near Gumbinnen. News of Capt. Valikoff's exploit reached the capital today.

The captain had gone aloft with M. Polret, a French aviator in the Russian service, to reconnoiter the country around Gumbinnen. They ascended 2,500 feet, offering a good target for the German riflemen and artillery. At the first volley a rifle bullet pierced the engine, but Valikoff's heel, but he continued making notes of the German positions. For twenty minutes bullets sang around the machine. Ten rifle balls and two fragments of shrapnel passed through the aeroplane, but its efficiency was not impaired.

Grand Duchess Olga, a sister of Czar Nicholas, has gone to the front as a Red Cross nurse.

A newspaper published a story about a Russian regimental chaplain, who, single-handed, captured twenty-six Austrians. He was walking along the steppe, he was looking for a place to shelter himself, when suddenly he found himself face to face with a patrol of armed men. The priest found the soldiers were all Slavs, whereupon he delivered an impassioned address, dwelling upon the sin of shedding the blood of Slav brethren. At its conclusion the men with bent heads followed the chaplain into the Russian camp.

Mrs. Cudachova, who accompanied the remarkable feat of riding across Europe and Asia on horseback, has volunteered her services, which were accepted by the Russian government. She has left for the front.

COLD DUE TO SUN SPOTS.

Sun spots 35,000 miles in diameter, speckling the face of the sun and shooting off its rays are the cause of the prevailing cold wave, according to astronomers at the Naval Observatory yesterday. The observatory states that the spots are visible to the naked eye if the sun is closely observed through smoked glass on a clear day.

WAR TO CONTINUE ON 'PORK BARREL'

Opponents, Led by Burton,
Will Insist on Further
"Trimming."

PET PROJECTS PROTECTED
Senator, in Statement, Declares Gov-
ernment Is Still Burdened with Mil-
lions in Waterways Bill.

Despite apparent reductions aggregating more than \$18,000,000 in the "pork barrel" river and harbor appropriation bill, opponents of the measure declared yesterday that they would continue the fight against the measure in the Senate.

Friday night the Commerce Committee of the Senate met for the purpose of trimming down the too-heavy bill. The ostensible plan of the committee was to eliminate proposed new projects and provide only for the continuation of work on projects now under way.

More Trimming Needed.

When the Democrats completed their "trimming," however, it was found, according to opponents of the measure, that pet projects had been carefully protected and that, while the immediate appropriations and authorizations in the bill had been trimmed to the extent of \$18,000,000, small appropriations left the government committee to the expenditure of many millions later on.

Declaring that no permanent economy would be effected by the action of the committee, Senator Burton, who has led the opposition to the bill, announced that he would continue the fight. He issued a statement as follows:

"The committee and the engineers who have aided them are entitled to credit for having sought temporary reduction in appropriations, but their action does not meet the objections of the opponents of the bill. The reductions made do not diminish by more than a few thousands the ultimate expense of pending river and harbor improvements. The avowed reason for making the cut was that another river and harbor bill would be passed by the first of March next and the appropriations as reduced, would in view of the lateness of the season be sufficient to carry on the work until that time."

"What the opponents of the bill object to is the vicious items in the measure. These are scarcely touched. The reduction in cash appropriations for continuing contract authorizations make very little difference except to postpone appropriations. The ultimate cost is not diminished. Such wasteful items as the Cumberland River, above Nashville, the ultimate expense of which would be \$4,500,000; a proposed system of locks and dams in the Tennessee, indefinite in expenditure, still remain in the bill. Again, the Sacramento and Feather rivers, a reclamation project which does not belong in a river and harbor bill, is not changed. Upon this project the bill contemplates the expenditure of \$2,900,000.

Unimportant Items Remain.

"As an illustration of the action of the committee a project for draft boats to enter, and an authorization of \$100,000 for Philadelphia are omitted, while the Brazos, the Trinity, the Red and Guadalupe, though provision is reduced, still remain. A very large number of inconsequential creeks and streams on the Atlantic coast and elsewhere, still occupy a prominent place.

"Under these circumstances, the opponents of the bill feel compelled to continue their opposition with a view to obtaining the elimination of glaring objectionable items."

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BELGIANS AWAIT PRESIDENT'S RETURN

Commission to Protest German Atrocities Will Stay in New York Until
Wilson Comes Home.

The Belgian Commission, appointed to lay before President Wilson certain alleged evidences of German atrocities in the present European war, is not expected to reach Washington before tomorrow night at the earliest.

The commission is now at New York and will await word regarding the President's return from Cornhill, N. H., before coming to the Capital.

MONTREAL BUYS WATER AND
POWER PLANT FOR HUGE SUM

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